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LEADER OF NEWBURGH HEROIN-TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY
SENTENCED TO 235 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CHRISTOPHER YEAGLEY, a/k/a "Taz," of the City of Newburgh, New York, was sentenced today by United States District Judge KENNETH M. KARAS to 235 months in prison for leading a heroin-trafficking conspiracy in Newburgh. YEAGLEY previously was found guilty by a federal jury in White Plains, following a 15-day trial, of conspiring to distribute, and distributing, more than one kilogram of heroin.

As demonstrated by the evidence at trial, YEAGLEY, 30, and his co-conspirators routinely purchased large amounts of heroin in the Bronx and then sold that heroin in the City of Newburgh. YEAGLEY was the leader of the organization, which operated several drug distribution locations in Newburgh. In two of those locations, law enforcement officers recovered over 900 glassine envelopes of heroin, three firearms, and dozens of rounds of ammunition.

In imposing sentence, Judge KARAS found that YEAGLEY had perjured himself at trial.

RAMEL WILLIAMS, one of YEAGLEY's co-conspirators, was charged in the same Indictment with conspiring with YEAGLEY and others to distribute heroin, as well as with additional narcotics and firearms violations. WILLIAMS pled guilty and was sentenced by Judge KARAS on March 18, 2010, to 30 years' imprisonment.

Mr. BHARARA praised the efforts and assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF") and the City of Newburgh Police Department.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorneys ANNA M. SKOTKO and ANDREW DEMBER are in charge of the prosecution.

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